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RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

TOWN OF STRATHAM,

FOR THE

Year Ending March 1, 1871.

ALSO, THE REPORT OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

ACCOUNT OF COLLECTOR, ASA E. JEWELL.

Amount of tax committed to him for collection,	$6834 98

COLLECTOR JEWELL'S DISCHARGE.

Paid County tax,	1558 40
Selectmen in cash,	5063 26
Non-resident highway tax worked out,	18 70
Abatement of taxes	36 40
Three per cent discount,	89 87
Collector's services,	68 35
	$6834 98

Stratham, March 1, 1871.

This day examined the foregoing accounts of Collector Asa E. Jewell, and find them fairly brought, rightly cast, well vouched and balanced.

Z. J. WIGGIN,
HENRY P. WINGATE. } *Auditors.*

MONEY RECEIVED BY THE SELECTMEN.

Received of the Selectmen of 1869,	$2665 61
B. F. Clark note,	98 56
Smith & Folsom note,	334 64
State Savings bank tax,	471 34
State railroad tax,	487 91
State Literary fund,	54 20
County Commissioners,	392 65

Received of David R. Dimond,	10 06
George W. Thompson,	22 50
Asa E. Jewell, Collector,	5063 26
Money hired on town notes,	9 77 47
	$18878 20

SELECTMEN'S DISCHARGE.

Outstanding Demands and Sundry Expenses.

Paid A. Dana Wingate note in full,	$602 98
R. F. M. Insurance Co. assessment,	4 87
A. J. Hoyt printing town accounts 1868,	30 00
D. W. Gorham note and interest,	105 00
Mathis & Wiggin for use of money,	9 30
J. H. Leavitt abatement for loss of dog 1869,	1 00
B. F. Clark " " " horse,	1 10
Ira Brown non-resident tax worked out,	4 30
Addison Wiggin services after auditing,	4 00
Phineas Merrill abatement on tax 1868-'69,	4 00
B. F. Clark for guano for Farm,	44 22
S. C. Buzell interest on notes,	454 12
" note in part,	950 00
Otis B. French note and interest,	352 80
Richard Scammon services after auditing,	5 00
Sarah B. Wiggin note and interest,	428 00
Edward Elliot for use of money,	2 00
John Smart note and interest,	212 87
Barnard Goodrich note and interest,	135 25
Nancy Holt " "	271 42
Revenue stamps savings bank notes,	1 00
Susan Merrill note and interest,	67 90
Augusta Watson " "	152 65
Nathan B. Jenness note and interest,	118 95
Fairzina Kenniston abatement of taxes,	9 57
Richard Horn care of Jackson Hall,	6 00
George H. Odell records, births and deaths,	3 00
Town Farm tax, Exeter, 1869,	11 20
Marseilles & Hoyt printing town accounts,	30 00
John Smart note and interest,	209 00
Abigail A. Chapman note in part,	10 00

Paid Ezra Barker interest,	34	42
Town Farm tax, Exeter,	10	20
Andrew Chase interest,	70	00
S. C. Buzell note and interest,	875	94
DeWitt C. Jewell note and interest,	505	54
Savings bank " on note,	36	50
D. W. Gorham " "	105	00
Mary A. Kimball " "	214	23
Revenue stamps,	1	10
George J. Robinson note and interest	106	65
S. P. Jones " "	974	40
Elenor R. Thompson "	40	08
Saving Bank " on note,	36	50
Richard Scammon "	215	50
Mathis & Wiggin note and interest,	1037	33
John Smart " "	151	00
Barnard Goodrich benefit town farm,	596	20
Sarah E. Griffiths revenue stamps,	1	50
State tax,	2148	00
I. W Tuttle expenses to Concord to pay tax,	5	00
Joseph S. Staples copying records,	2	89
Perkins Express	1	50
Savings Bank note,	1000	00
D. W. Gorham " and interest,	105	00
George E. Lane books, stationery &c.,	11	27
Jeremiah H. Jones note and interest,	172	05
Henry P. Wingate jr. care Jackson hall,	4	00
Barnard Goodrich,	25	00
George H. Odell, for medical services County and Town poor,	126	00
John L, Jewell error in tax,	24	83
Henry P. Wingate abatement loss of horse,		82
George H. Odell " " cow,		39
James E. Odell " over tax,	9	20
Joseph T. Smart abatement 1869,	3	68
Hiram Wiggin abatement loss of horse,		35
Ralph Hall note and interest,	269	00
Joseph S. Staples services as town clerk,	15	00
Stephen Scammon abatement of tax,	12	29
Perley Gordon care of Miss Dodge,	5	00

Paid	Sundry bills for the care of Mrs. S. E. Hollon at North Hampton,	172 38
	Committee for apprising school houses,	11 00
	" " districting town,	20 00
	I. W. Tuttle services as treasurer,	25 00
	John O. Wiggin justice of peace,	1 50
	Nathan E. Norton watering trough,	3 00
	John Ayers selectmen expenses,	4 00
	Sarah W. Chase notes and interest,	227 47
	Julia Foss "	7 00
	Auditing accounts,	4 00
	Elisha Chase interest on notes,	6 94
		$13677 05

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid	B. H. Jewett breaking roads,	13 52
	G. W. Jones " " and repairing bridge,	8 25
	James P. Chase building "	30 50
	Nathaniel Wiggin breaking roads,	23 81
	Benjamin S Jenness non-resident tax worked out	5 33
	George Wingate breaking roads and repairing bridges,	3 39
	Addison Wiggin " "	9 62
	Samuel H. Dearborn " "	9 43
	John N. Thompson " "	6 42
	James P. Chase " "	11 75
	John N. Thompson repairs on bridge,	1 95
	Leonard Lang breaking roads,	14 13
	" " work on highway,	4 00
	Charles E. Brewster repairing bridge,	11 00
	Addison Wiggin breaking roads,	3 00
	Hiram Wiggin " " 1868,	2 00
	Building Thompson's bridge (so called),	483 67
	David R. Dimond breaking roads,	1 50
	Amos Davis " "	1 32
	G. C. Brown for plough,	1 25
	William Wiggin repairing bridge,	17 50
	David Jewell jr, breaking roads,	8 03
	Z. J. Wiggin " " and work on highway,	5 85
		$677 22

SCHOOLS.

Paid Wm. G. Brown for services as prudential com.	1869,	$25 00
Albert D. Wiggin " " "		4 00
" " " "	1870,	3 00
J. H. Rundlett benefit school district No. 4,	1869,	186 70
" " services as prudential com.	1869,	5 00
" " repairs on school house		4 25
Albert D. Wiggin benefit school district No. 2,		59 20
C. N. Healey repairs school house district No. 1,		31 47
Benj. S. Jenness benefit school district No. 4,		263 05
" " services as prudential com.		3 00
J. H. Leavitt benefit school district No. 3,		80 00
C. N. Healey benefit school district No. 1		263 05
" " services as prudential com.		3 00
Albert D. Wiggin benefit school district No. 2		263 05
" " services as prudential com.		3 00
		$1196 77

TOWN & COUNTY POOR.

Paid Town and County poor not at the farm. $362 95

TOWN OF STRATHAM.

1870 To I. W. Tutlle, Dr.

March 12,	To settling with Selectmen 1869,	1 00
28,	attend Jury meeting,	50
April 2,	Exeter to hire money,	1 00
	one day at Town Farm,	2 00
5,	attend Juror meeting,	50
8,	Exeter to hire money,	1 00
13,	preparing and settling county bills at Exeter,	1 50
14,	visiting county poor with commissioners	2 00
	attend Juror meeting,	50
16,	making assessments,	3 00
	making and recording taxes,	8 00
20,	to settle with E. M. C. Lane,	1 50
"	preparing Collector's book,	2 00
May 27,	Town Farm and Exeter,	1 00
28,	Newmarket to pay notes,	2 00
"	making returns, Railroad stock, and State and County tax,	1 50

July	25,	Perley Gordon and town farm,	1 50
	29,	town farm,	75
Aug.	13,	Exeter to pay note and interest,	1 00
	20,	Exeter to hire money and pay same,	1 50
Sept.	21,	attend Juror meeting,	50
Oct.	19,	hire money and pay same,	1 50
	20,	preparing and settling County bills, Portsmouth,	2 50
Nov.	10,	Newmarket to hire money,	2 50
Dec.	17,	revising juror box,	50
Jan. 7, 1871		attend Juror meeting,	50
	9,	preparing and settling county bills at Exeter,	2 00
Feb.	15,	Exeter to pay note and interest,	1 00
	22,	one day at town farm and Greenland,	2 50
		one evening in session,	1 00
	23,	writing writs and check lists, and posting,	2 50
		paying county bills monthly to county poor,	7 00
		visiting Moses Wentworth, at different times, and going to Portsmouth,	4 50
March	4,	auditing accounts,	3 00
			$65 25

Received Payment,
I. W. TUTTLE.

TOWN OF STRATHAM,

1870 To J. O. Wiggin Dr.

March	10,	To returning check lists,	50
	28,	attending Jury meeting,	50
April	2,	one day at town farm,	2 50
	5,	attending Jury meeting,	50
	3, 8 & 9,	three days taking inventory,	7 50
	9,	writing warrants,	50
	14,	one day with County commissioners,	2 00
		attending Jury meeting,	50
	16,	making assessment,	2 50
May	3,	preparing surveyor's books,	1 00
	9,	appointing surveyors and distributing books,	3 00
	25,	preparing Collector's book,	50
June	6,	to Thompson's bridge,	50
Aug.	12,	to R. Scammon,'s	50
	15,	to Mr. Tuttle's,	50

Sept. 20,	to Greenland and Tuttle's,	2 00
21,	attending Jury meeting,	50
Dec. 14,	revising jury box	50
1871 Jan. 7,	attending jury meeting,	50
9,	examining records,	1 00
12,	to N. Hampton and Exeter,	3 00
Feb. 22,	at town farm,	2 00
25,	to N. Hampton,	2 00
March 1,	auditing accounts,	2 00
		$36 50

Received Payment,

J. O. WIGGIN,

TOWN OF STRATHAM,

1870 To JOHN AYERS DR.

March 28,	To attend Juror meeting,	50
April 2,	one day at town farm,	2 00
5,	drawing jurors,	50
	taking inventory,	8 00
11,	making assessments, one day and evening,	3 00
Sept. 21,	attend drawing jurors,	50
Oct. 19,	" " "	50
	revising juror box,	50
Jan. 7, 1871,	attend juror meeting,	50
	going to Exeter for coffin &c.,	1 00
	serving Moses Wentworth at Portsmouth,	3 00
	one day at town farm,	2 00
	evening in session,	50
March 1,	auditing accounts,	3 00
		$25 50

Received Payment,

JOHN AYERS.

RECAPITULATION.

Outstanding demands and sundry expenses,	$13,677 05
Highways and bridges,	677 22
Schools,	1196 77
Town and County poor,	362 95
Selectmen's bills,	127 25

Cash in Selectmen's hands,	28368 96
	$1887 20

STRATHAM, MARCH 1, 1871.

This day examined the foregoing accounts of the Selectmen and find them fairly brought, rightly cast, well vouched and a balance of twenty-eight hundred and thirty-six dollars and ninety-six cents in their hands—($2,836 96.)

Z. J. WIGGIN,
HENRY P. WINGATE, } AUDITORS.

INDEBTEDNESS OF THE TOWN.

Notes held against the town March 1, 1871, amount to	$22,019 32
Other bills due probably	250 00
	$22,269 32

MEANS OF PAYMENT.

Cash in Selectmen's hands,	$2,836 96	
Bills due the town,	150 00	
		2,986 96
Amount of Town debt		19,282 32
Deduct as heretofore the sum due the town from the State for State Bounties paid by the town, the debt would be		2,400 00
		16,882 32

TOWN FARM.

Expenditures,	$995 28
Superintendent and help,	325 00
	$1320 28
Receipts,	436 31
For County poor on the farm,	78 00
Supplies for town poor,	91 50
Produce on hand more than last year,	280 25
	$886 06

REPORT

OF THE

Superintending School Committee

DISTRICT NO. 1.

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE, *C. N. Healey.*

Summer term taught by Miss Emma O. Warner of North Hampton, who fully sustained her former reputation as an able, energetic teacher, ever ready to speak and act for the advancement of those entrusted to her care. She was very ingenious to devise some means by which to awaken, enliven and interest her scholars. Everything appeared easy at the examination, though not so quiet as might have been. A good understanding existed between teacher and scholar, and good progress was made in the several branches taught.

Winter term taught by B. F. Swasey of Exeter, a man of pleasing address, good education, and no doubt in many smaller schools his services would have been better appreciated. Some dissatisfaction has been apparent by the irregular attendance of the scholars or by their absenting themselves wholly from the school. With those who think this school a perfect success or a total failure, we cannot agree. But in justice to both teacher and scholar, between whom a friendly feeling appeared to exist, we give honor to whom honor is due. The discipline and method of instruction, though not so *firm* or *fast* as might be desired, was better at the close of the term than at the two former visits of your committee. The thirty-five scholars present at the examination appeared well; improvement was perceptible in

some of the branches and much credit is due the scholars for promptness in their recitations. More energy would secure better success.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE, *Albert Wiggin.*

Summer term taught by Mrs. Ellen Moulton, a resident of the district, a most estimable lady. There were thirty-one scholars at the commencement of the term. But sixteen were present at the latter visit, for what reason (whether it be the fault of the teacher, parents, or the disinterestedness of the scholars) is unknown to your committee. From the examination of the Register you will perceive the pupils were very irregular in their attendance during the term. The exercises of those present appeared well; some progress was made, and the teacher apparently had the good will of the scholars. Parents should visit the schools.

Winter school taught by E. P. Sherburne of Portsmouth, an experienced teacher, who at once succeeded in gaining the good will of his scholars. The order at first and even at the second visit were not all that could be desired, but gradually improved during the whole term. At the close of the school all the classes appeared well. A good improvement was made. The Register presents a very good appearance, and much credit is due both teacher and scholars for their regular attendance and promptness to time. The report in circulation that this school came to a sudden close at the request of your committee was wholly unfounded. It was a good school.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE, *J. H. Leavitt.*

Summer term taught by Mrs. S. J. Tuck of this town, who is an experienced teacher, and apparently had the welfare of every pupil at heart, and evidently left no stone unturned or duty in her power undone for the advancement of each and every scholar entrusted to her charge, but felt a responsibility resting upon her, and her alone, in the schoolroom. The term though short was both profitable to the pupils of the district and creditable to herself. Improvement and order were good.

Winter school taught by B. B. Thompson of Deerfield, a teacher of high repute, his method of instruction is satisfactory; and he evidently labored hard to infuse a spirit of activity and promptness into the school. His government, though firm, is not exact, or as precise as might be, many of the scholars acquitted themselves nobly at the final examination, while others had that indifferent "I don't care" depicted on their countenances. Marked improvement was bravely shown in the various and numerous exercises taught. This teacher has energy sufficient "to paddle his own canoe."

DISTRICT NO. 4.

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE, *B. S. Jenness.*

Summer term taught by Miss Sarah B. Young of Exeter, this school commenced under the most pleasing prospects. Although small in number there were some scholars not surpassed by any other district in town. But much to the regret of the teacher, they were compelled to leave by the removal of their parents from the district, which left the school still smaller in number. Miss Young proved a thorough and efficient teacher. Such perfect order and discipline is seldom seen in a school-room.

Winter school taught by F. E. Eldridge of Kensington, who succeeded far beyond expectation. Your committee is happy to be able to give so good a report of this school during the year. The order and discipline were all that could be desired. Progress good; the lively interest manifested is seldom seen in so small a school. The school closed at the end of eight weeks. It was recommenced by A. J. Sanborn of Seabrook, a teacher of long experience, and is in successful operation at the present time, to continue several weeks. There were eight scholars present at the last visit. More scholars needed.

REMARKS.

The education of our children is an object of no minor importance, and it is incumbent upon us that, in the selection of teachers, we use due diligence to procure those not only qualified in literary attainments, but those who have the capacity to control and govern, with judgment, reason, and common sense. After having procured a

teachers, although may not come up to the full standard of our expectation, we as parents, and citizens, are in duty bound to cooperate with them in all reasonable rules and regulations, for the good of the school, comfort of the teacher, credit of the district, and benefit of the community. That we may not be led astray by hearsay and gossip, let us make the scholars more studious and confident, the teacher more diligent, and school-room more pleasant, by frequent visits during the term; thereby showing both teacher and scholar that we are deeply interested for their success, welfare and the prosperity of the school. Respectfully submitted,

J. J. SCAMMON, *Sup. School Committee.*

Stratham, March 2, 1871.

TABLE OF STATISTICS.

Districts	1.	2.	3.	4.	Total
Weeks kept in Summer	12	11	9	12	44
Weeks kept in Winter	11	11	15	16	53
Number of Scholars in Summer,	50	28	30	16	124
Number of Scholars in Winter,	44	35	34	11	124
Average in Summer,	35	17	25	11	88
Average in Winter,	32	33	25	7	97
Wages Male Teachers per Month,	45	45	45	35	170
Wages of Female Teachers per Month.	28	26	26	24	104
Amount of Local Fund on Dog Tax,				103	
Income from Literary Fund,				54	20
School Money raised by Town,				895	
Whole amount of School Money,					1052.20
Visits by Superint'g School Committee,	5	5	5	7	22
Visits by Prudential Committee,	4		5		6
Visits by Citizens and others,	77	26	42	12	157

TEXT BOOKS.

Barker's and Watson's Readers; National Speller; Appleton's and Colburn's Arithmetics; Cornell's and Guyot's Geographies; Kerl's and Quackenbos' Grammars and Philosophy; Quackenbos', Worcesters', Goodrich's and Seavey's History; Greenleaf's Elementary Algebra; Mayhew's Book-keeping; Payson and Dunton's System of Penmanship.

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